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<b><i>Ex Parte Reexamination Interview Summary</i></b>	<b>Control No.</b>	<b>Patent Under Examination</b>
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Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference  
c) Personal (copy given to: 1) patent owner 2) patent owner's representative)

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.  
Any other agreement(s) are set forth below under "Description of the general nature of what was agreed to..."

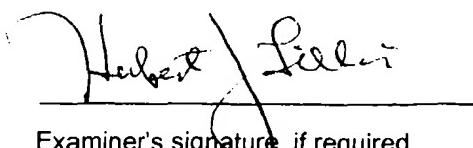
Claim(s) discussed: all.

Identification of prior art discussed: none.

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:  
see attachment.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims patentable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims patentable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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cc: Requester (if third party requester)

Examiner's signature, if required

I am enclosing a copy of the claims with the changes for each of the claims under consideration.

It would be easier to review and check the claims if you cancel all of the claims that are active and add new claims starting with (NEW) Claim 73-with the language of the broadest claim 22 as indicated on pages 3-4. If you have any questions please contact me prior to submitting the official amendment by faxing me at (UNOFFICIAL FAX PAPERS) 703—7846-5121.

An **official fax will be submitted to 703-872-9306**, for scanning into the application.

Upon receipt of the official fax in accordance with the amended claims as noted, I will consider the claims favorable for allowance. In addition, you will have the right to file divisionals, continuations or continuations-in-part to the non-elected cancelled claims. Also, I may consider 312 amendments after allowance of the instant application, which amendments would be in accordance with the guidelines of the M.P.E.P.

This action will be part of the Interview of October 22, 2003, which I indicated that I would try to indicate possible allowable claimed language for the claims under consideration. You are not required to follow any of the above-suggested amendments.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Examiner Lilling whose telephone number is (703) 308-2034 and Fax Number is for applications Before Final (703) 872-9306 and After Final for applications is (703) 872-9307 or SPE Michael Wityshyn whose telephone number is (703) 308-4743**. Examiner can be reached Monday-Thursday from about 5:30 A.M. to about 3:00 P.M. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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